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1. The RYAZAN ($39^{\circ}46' S / 54^{\circ}37' N$) (MOSCOW MD) civilian airfield was located on the southwestern town limits. Routine parachuting at an altitude of 1,000 feet has been practiced by civilian men and women over the several square kilometers large area since the summer of 1948. The trainees bailed out from obsolescent U-2 biplanes or from balloons which ascended on let-go ropes and were hauled down after four persons had jumped.

2. Laborers occasionally had to leave their work for such jumping practices. Every person had to do eight jumps in order to get a certificate. The civilians were paid eighty rubles for the first jump, fifty rubles for the second jump, and twenty rubles for the third jump. Fractures of bones allegedly occurred frequently at the field.

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[REDACTED] observed that two persons made fatal jumps. Besides civilians, members of the military post were given parachute training. When parachuting from balloons was exercised, the balloon carrying four jumpers ascended every ten minutes.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: These statements confirm that routine parachute training was done at the RYAZAN-South airfield for years. The information on the training of civilians was received for the first time. Their training is presumably conducted by the DOSAV, which seems to utilize military training equipment.

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